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In re Patent Application of

MAERTENS, et al.

Serial No. 09/899,046

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Title: NEW SEQUENCE OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS GENOTYPES AND THEIR USE AS
THERAPEUTIC AND DIAGNOSTIC AGENTS

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Responsive to the Official Action dated July 14, 2005, entry and consideration of
the following amendments and remarks are requested.